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SUBJECT: BRITISH "STRATEGY" FOR JANUARY SC DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. SUBSTANCE REF A CONVEYED TO UKUN MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS OFFICER BATTISCOMBE JANUARY 5. BATTISCOMBE SAID AGAIN (REF B) THAT POSSIBILITY OF MODERATE EUROPEAN DRAFT HAD NOT BEEN RAISED WITH OTHER EUROPEANS ON SECURITY COUNCIL. HE COULD NOT, THEREFORE, COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON DEGREE OF EUROPEAN SUPPORT THERE MIGHT BE FOR MODERATE EUROPEAN DRAFT. BATTISCOMBE BELIEVED, THOUGH, THAT IF US ENDORSED IDEA, OTHER EUROPEANS WOULD OFFER SUPPORT. BUT HE ADDED THAT, GIVEN FRENCH AND ITALIAN MIDDLE EAST POSITIONS, FRENCH AND ITALIANS CONCEIVABLY COULD PROVE SLIGHTLY LESS STAUNCH AS TO WORDING.

2. BATTISCOMBE INDICATED THAT APPROACH TO USUN BY UKUN WAS AT INITIATIVE OF UKUN ITSELF WITH LITTLE CONSULTATION WITH LONDON. HE CONTINUED UKUN'S APPROACH, THEREFORE, QUITE "INFORMAL" AT THIS STAGE.

3. I PERSONALLY AM DUBIOUS OF THIS BRITISH BUSINESS.
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